August 16

Acts 14:8-10

Faith Perceived

8 And there sat a certain man at Lystra, impotent in his feet, being a cripple from his mother's womb, who never had walked:
9 The same heard Paul speak: who stedfastly beholding him, and perceiving that he had faith to be healed,
10 Said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped and walked.

Beyond the healing itself, this passage contains other points which are worthy of notice. It also sparks important questions readers might ask:

. An afflicted and unused body part (even from birth) was repairable.

. A holy, spirit-filled follower of Christ perceived, or discerned, faith in another person—even a stranger.

. As some attempt to imitate in churches today, was a “loud voice” necessary, or did Paul do that merely for lack of voice amplification in a

crowd?

. What might the newly healed man have felt which caused him to leap? Was there some tingling or fiery sensation or, perhaps, he experienced some physical force?

. That was done then,

but can it be done today? Are there those who actually perceive faith in others and bring about godly healings?